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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am organizing a conference for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology on the topic of Lymphocytes and Antibodies. The conference is to be held at Saxton's River, Vermont from June 5 - June 10, 1993. The FASEB conferences bring a modest number (approximately 150) of researchers together for intense scientific discussion over a five-day period. Each conference focuses on nine carefully selected topics in the most promising and exciting areas of research.

The Conference on Lymphocytes and Antibodies will deal with our current level of knowledge about the immune response. Topics to be discussed include antigen presentation and processing, signal transduction pathways, animal models of immune deficiency generated by gene targeting, alloreactivity, thymic development, genetic regulatory pathways in leukocytes, assembly of receptor complexes, mechanisms of tolerance and tumor immunotherapy. Poster presentations will allow additional information on topics related to this research to also be included in the program. I have already selected a chairperson to run each mini-symposia. We expect about 35 speakers from North America and Europe to attend the conference. Many of these are depending upon financial support. I have enclosed a copy of a tentative program in order to give you a more precise idea of the high quality, interdisciplinary meeting which this will be. Recent progress in this area of research has been explosive, as you know, and this meeting should be particularly timely in helping to bring focus to the significance of current developments. In addition, I have arranged with Dr. David Hafler that his FASEB summer conference on autoimmunity will be back-to-back with our conference (his conference will be June 11 - 15 at Saxton's River). We expect that a significant number of attendees will be able to attend both conferences: ours, which is more basic and Dr. Hafler's, which is more clinically oriented.

I am trying to raise funds for partial support of speakers' travel and meeting expenses. Travel may cost up to \$700 for West Coast participants and up to \$1000 for European participants. The room, board, and registration costs for the meeting are approximately

\$400 per person. Thus I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. We also wish to support at least 10 junior investigators (at \$500 apiece) who might otherwise not be able to attend. These promising young investigators represent the new blood of this field who will be making significant contributions in the coming decades. Attendance is limited to 155, including speakers. The conference will be advertised by FASEB to its entire membership as well as in various scientific journals and society newsletters.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please feel free to contact me at (617)432-0622. We would greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. The check should be annotated "Lymphocytes and Antibodies" and made payable to FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3998.

Sincerely,



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